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ASSISTANT RABBAN,

C. O. JOHNSON,

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Every member of El Kahir will remember Orrie Johnson, as will the Masonic public generally, as he is more than a "Carpet Knight" and his manner and mein such as to commend him to high regard anywhere. Our Assistant Rabban has been elected to the present position by promotion from the post of "Oriental Guide." Noble Johnson is one of the class of men whose acquaintance wears well. He's all right!

Masonry in General.

Brother Frank Simmons, well known among Iowa and Cedar Rapids Masons, has passed away. Died, March 27, 1903.

Our readers who knew him, will be pained to learn of the tragic death of Fred A. Bopp of Hawkeye, in a railroad accident near Athol, S. D., February 23, 1903. He was buried at Hawkeye, Iowa, with Masonic honors.

Preparations are going on for the Grand Lodge session at Waterloo. What Brother Martin doesn't think of is all we'll lack.

The editor of the *Pacific Mason* must have suffered from some mental indigestion, for another uncalled-for fling is made "editorially" when he says, "We have more than enough now—'The Owls,' 'The Veiled Prophets,' '*The Shrine*' and other *abortive* creations are enough burdens for the Masonic fraternity to carry without any more." His knowledge is equal to that of the daily press concerning Masonic bodies! Whoop, says I.

Talking about Masonic clubs—Cedar Rapids has within a radius of ten or a dozen miles each way, fifteen lodges (say) and many could get to town once a month to attend a representative Masonic club, and we'll wager that we know a body composed of Masons now meeting in the Temple that will give one of its nights each month free to foster a real Masonic club—eh?—in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

It may be true in Washington (state) in New York, and even over in Illinois, that public installations are an "injury," "a delusion and a disappointment" and so forth, but in Iowa our attendant audience is of a character that needs no entertainment not stimulating or elevating to Masonic sentiments.

The chain letter scheme for the Fraternal building, St. Louis, is on its rounds six weeks and more.

New Temples opened, building or projected: Big Springs, Tex.; Fredrick, Md.; Rome, N. Y.; Fostoria, Ohio; Louisville, Ky.; Chamberlain, S. D.; Owatonna, Minn.; Reading, Penn.; Elgin, Ill., (likely to have two.)

MASONIC HOME ITEMS—Missouri—Donation of $13,150 by Bro. James H. Kirkendale. Bequest, after wife's death, of $70,000 by Bro. W. H. Smith. Montana is considering the subject, has an invested fund of $13,466.97. Ohio—The children of the Home gave the cantata, "Santa Claus", Christmas eve. A crowded hall appreciated the effort.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee (wrongly) decides that to be an officer of that body one must be a present or past H. P.

Frank J. Thompson of Fargo, is honored as the grand secretary and grand recorder of North Dakota.

The world's fair committee (St. Louis) have decided to have "Knights Templar week" for the week preceding the Triennial Encampment at San Francisco, 1904.

Louisville, Ky., is to have a Masonic club directed by a committee of fifteen appointed by the Grand Master and it is expected to be of great use to the craft in Louisville. Why is that not a good idea?

Apollo of Cedar Rapids and Temple of Des Moines, are among the Iowa commanderies that *confer* the Order of Malta now.

Cedar Rapids is in evidence in Masonry generally these days and from the way Commander Forbes works, the Commandery "escorts" all the others.

HOW MAY I KNOW IT TO BE SO?

Freemasonry is older than any one of the present existing churches, yet does not claim to be the charter of faith to the Grand Lodge above.—*Texas Freemason.*

It is easy to touch elbows fraternally and at banquets and such—but it's being touched on the pocket by that class of brothers and such fellows as forget all their Masonic and moral obligations after they have *touched* you, that ruins the touch.

THE CANT OF IT.

While we have ever held it a self-evident truth that "Ancient Craft Masonry" as *now* constituted is the ranking body—and what other Masonic body controverts it? We don't see the force of a monthly reiteration of it. Who ever saw a lodge escort a chapter or commandery? Who ever expects to? Well, is not that ample evidence that no part of the "Ancient and Honorable Institution" except the head, will ever try to assume the leading functions. It becomes mere cant to harp upon a point that among those who are active in it is never raised or thought of.

THE FLAG IN MASONIC PROCESSIONS.

Nowhere should it be considered improper to carry the banner of the country under whose government the assembly exists, in a Masonic procession, no matter which direct, co-ordinate or relative branch it may be. It is all ridiculous to claim that Masonry is so old, so exclusive, so apart from any other institution on earth, that it may not show its patriotism by bearing "our country's flag" at the head of the lines, The end of the "high caste" theories in Masonry is nigh; ere many years only its inherent worth will be its safeguard from absorption by younger offspring, and well might it be, for those who fully believe in its great mission, to keep the craft with the national emblem at the head of the procession.

The Eastern Star.

SISTER MATTHEW'S LETTER.

ROCKFORD, IOWA, March 15, 1903.

Thinking a few words for the good of the order might send out an inspiration.

Fidelity Chapter No. 42, is flourishing and keeping up its standard for good work and good times under the efficient management of Mrs. Ella Brown, worthy matron, and J. Bruce, worthy patron. They have taken up the banquet system again for the year, finding it such a help and inspiration last year. A six o'clock supper is served the first meeting of each month. The chapter is divided into divisions of eight this year, who serve the supper, after which all are ready for the regular meeting. The February 6th supper was served by the associate matron, Miss Lillie Reed, and her assistants. Words could not express the pleasure of the suppers and the good the chapter derives from them. Last year we took in twenty-five new members and we feel it was largely due to our socials.

A few words as regards the World's Fair Fraternal Building. The contributions come in slow. There seems to be a lack of understanding and interest manifested in this work. Surely it is deserving and will be a credit and honor to all associated fraternities who place their name on the roll of honor. Every chapter should feel it a great honor to be asked to assist in this undertaking.

As regards the Eastern Star Home work, everything looks favorable. Chapters are responding quite liberally to the call for contributions. A little later the work will assume larger proportions, all of which you will no doubt hear of from the secretary, Jennie A. Rede.

I wish there might be some way devised whereby the chapter would be inspired to contribute more freely to the O. E. S. columns of the FREEMASON AND FEZ and also be induced to subscribe for it. Every chapter in the state should take it and help to support it.

J. E. MATHEWS.

SISTER PITKIN'S LETTER.

It Speaks for Itself.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 27, 1903.

Mr. J. W. Geiger, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have just learned through private advices that you have something in your paper regarding Home matters in Illinois, and I would be very glad to see a copy of it, and wish to say that the Orphan's Home of Illinois was chartered by the Knights Templar several years ago and carried on as a private corporation, the Grand Lodge of Illinois contributing from time to time, but refusing to assume any responsibility. A year or two ago a Mason died and in his will he left a large farm in Sullivan to the Masonic Fraternity, providing it was used for a home. After the matter had been discussed in Grand Lodge for I think two sessions and a very heated

argument at the last session, the Grand Lodge accepted the situation and are now building new additions and are preparing to carry out the wish of the deceased Mason. At the last session of the Grand Lodge, I think, they also assumed responsibility of the Orphan's Home, but I want to assure you that they have not assumed any responsibility for the Eastern Star and Masonic Home located at Macon, Ill. The members of the Eastern Star have paid for the Home and are building a new addition which will cost $4500. They had $7000 in their treasury. I should be glad to see your paper and correct any mistaken idea which members in Iowa may have received from your article. This Eastern Star and Masonic Home provides for the widows of Masons, whether or not they are members of the Eastern Star, but when the new home at Sullivan is ready for occupancy I presume that some of these widows may be transferred there, and that Home will be taken care of by the Grand Lodge of *Illinois.*

I remember you very kindly and hope that you have not forgotten me.

Thanking you for the kindness of an early reply, I am

Yours very sincerely,

LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

A HARD TIMES SOSHUL.

Excelsior Chapter No. 51, Charles City, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a "Hard Times Soshul" in Masonic hall, Thursday evening, February 12, for the benefit of the Home for the Aged. Each person will be furnished with awl the supper he can eat fur 10 cents, that is if he don't eat too much—then he ken pay moore. Two or moore persuns, or small famleys, in poor circumstanses, may klub toogether and get two or moore suppers.

In order that the close and etikette of some folks may soot the okashun, it is thot to charge sum fines. Every womin that cums must ware a kommon dress and apern, or something equally appropriate. Every man must ware his kommon close. No man with a dude kollar and white tye kan cum, unless he pays a fine of 5 cents. Tho lady and gentleman most sootably drest shell have their supper free of charg. The femails will be fined as follos:

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Any womin over 25 with bow in hair, 1 cent.
Silk dress or waste, 2 cents.
Evening dress, 5 cents.
Trimmed kerchief, 1 cent.

Fines for mails will be:

Mustash or beard, 1 cent.
Smooth face, 1 cent.
Kuffs, 1 cent.
Shined shoes or unshined, 1 cent.
Patent leathers, 2 cents.
Cuff buttons, 1 cent.
Scarf or shirt pin, 1 cent.
Evening dress, 5 cents.
White, soft, or any kind of a shirt, 1 cent.

Fines for Awl will be:

Finger wrings—plane, 1 cent.
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Dedication Ceremonies, World's Fair.

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None might know whence came the messenger so long as the message was authentic; yea, even the messenger in mortal peril might but impart to another no more than the destination of his message, and he in turn would go oath-bound to fulfill the mission of him who sent him.

How time works its miracles—stranger than fiction far are the things of truth—an artisan of the far-away Orient, a goldsmith, sent to greet his brethren in the Occident—to carry to them by word of mouth. The Sultan and the Shah would not have let a document such as this would have been, or its bearer go by—the legends and greetings of the once Great Order.

Trouble, poverty, disease, triplets of sorrow, tear down the fond hopes of the delicate straggler, and he realizes that the ambition to plant the standard in a new Occident would not be his to accomplish. None of his people are near—he naturally desires one for whom some nearer emotion makes his fond hope stronger; so a man of the people, a man who when a lad defended the delicate son of the foreigner from abuse, is sent for and to him, with a lowly cot as the sovereign throne, was imparted the instructions through which years ago this exclusive and Noble Order came to be re-incarnated in the new Occident.

It makes, it accepts no claims of connectional history with any other Order, and as has been its pride in all the centuries of its development, it asks nothing but the reasonable practice of its beautiful tenets by those who have become affiliated with it.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Fraternities.

This is the department at which the "Pacific Mason" shies; and that proves to us but one thing, that we have something to do by way of calling attention to the resultant facts of Masonry in the doings of that the "P. M." calls the "Orders." Lo, here! Lo, there!! Lo, where?

The continued awakenings along the lines of the insurance orders, to the need of adequate rates continue to come with force and power, and yet were one to arise from the dead to warn them, some would not heed.

An Auxiliary of the American Federation of Labor has been organized among life insurance agents. Which kind, the always reliable press did not say.

To find any courtesy among the fraternities a few years ago, was difficult, now the exception is the other way. Fraternity is self-reforming and will force gentleness upon the rudest place-hunting Supreme Thing.

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SEND IN YOUR PROXY.

Any Recorder of any Temple of the Mystic Shrine who cannot attend the second meeting of the Association, will please send the secretary, before the first of June, 1903, the name and address of his chosen proxy.

This year will be of importance to us in that some form of regulations must be agreed upon and the method of succession settled.

We favor giving permanent membership to all recorders and ex-recorders of Temples.

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IA., APRIL, 1903.

We've dropped a few sub-headings for the reason that "Masonry in General" covers them all.

This month our second appeal will go to a lot of delinquent subscribers and after that we will be forced to refer them to a collecting agency.

The twentieth century will not see a "General Grand Lodge" nor a Uniform Lodge "work" in the United States. Now, mark that down.

A small item published on page 98 last month, concerning the Illinois Eastern Star Home, lacks interest in that Sister Pitkin tells us that it was incorrect.

Before many most wonderful Grand Masters make Masons at sight because of some matter of note about them, the more Worshipful Master Masons lodges will reform the "land mark."

The editor of the *Pacific Mason* undertakes to give a learned and witty review of his "exchanges" and were it not that we have too much regard for his strenuous location we'd "sass back." Shoo!

Collins P. Emerson, Potentate of El-Kahir, has taken charge of the "Provident Department" of the Michigan Mutual Life for Iowa and will do some work for the A. C. T. E. as well. Success.

There are a lot of things we'd like to do in answer to the sage intrusions of people who do not know or inquire how we get along, but to stop and argue would be wasteful, so we'll just jog along until we get there or die trying.

There ought to be no politics in Masonry! But there are! The very constitution of the institution is the vital fluid that inspires it! An arbitrary inflexible construction of Masonic usages only shows it more harshly and plainly, while the simplicity of "good men and Masons" makes it endurable for awhile longer.

"THE SHRINE."

We can see no aptness in the articles, some of which are written by Nobles, calling needless attention to nearly one hundred thousand well-behaved gentlemen, simply because a few are forgetful of their standing in the prerequisites to this order. It would be just as appropriate to keep before the public the fact of our other social affiliations, and while calling attention to the chapeau, why not include the skull-cap of the "Craftsmen," and the insignia of the Scottish-rite as well. The whole thing is wrong, harmful and needless, as we've seen no more excess in the conduct of the average Noble in eleven Imperial Council meetings and scores of ceremonials of Temples than we have seen at plenty of other assemblies never held up to such opprobrium. Please QUIT IT.

The Mystic Shrine.

This journal is sent to every Recorder in the Order, for which there is no charge. Any interest they may take will be appreciated. JNO. WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor.

From far-away Honolulu comes a call for adoption among the "daughters of our people" and it should be urgently brought to the notice of the Imperial Council that our women want recognition in every Temple in the auxiliary to be known as "Daughters of Isis."

One of the youngest Nobles in El Kahir Temple is W. J. Maxwell, grand secretary of the Order of Railway Conductors, and as well the new Exalted Ruler of Cedar Rapids' lodge of Elks.

El Kahir Temple will go to Saratoga with a special train. The plan is to leave Cedar Rapids at midnight July 4, rendezvous in Chicago July 5, leave via the Wabash at 11:00 a. m. With Jake Halderman as toastmaster, and John W. Cook of the West Shore, as referee, we'll go at 60 miles an hour and land with our Ed. at noon, July 6, in Saratoga. One fare—less than $25, for the round trip from Cedar Rapids. This is El Kahir's year to go.

A marked copy of the *Missouri Freemason* informs us that Moolah had great time with twenty-five victims "in the third year of the twentieth century, in the third month of the first year (and eleventh day) of the reign of William III., in the great state of Missouri, in the oasis of St. Louis, in the midst of a gathering of as jolly a crowd as ever "straddled" a camel or gave the Arabic "war whoopee."

Some gifted Sheik should please his favorite wife by asking the Sublime Porte (Imperial Council) of the Order, to institute officially the Order of Isis.

A new song appears, "In the Good Old Mystic Shrine," by Noble Edwin B. Hay. Same old tune.

All the Iowa Temples are active these days. Success to them.

Syrian Temple held a bazar December 15th, to raise funds for a trip to Saratoga "to make a bid for the next *conclave*." The bazar ran for a week and paid well. Billie's Temple can have our vote for the next *conclave*.

Imperial Potentate Akin was accompanied on his southern trip by his Deputy, Noble George H. Green, and if that isn't a pair where will you find them?

Could the old Egyptian—what's his name—have lived to see his cherished sphinx going with one eye on Minneapolis, as Myers makes him do in his notice for April 10th, or as Harrison Dingeman sets him off in his for March 17th, 'what would the poor girl do!"

Medinah now meets in "*Masonic* Temple", 18th floor, *Chicago*.

One of our exchanges says that this paper is "mostly Fez." To be sure, and if we'd make it more so it would pay us no worse.

After looking it all over, we've concluded that if Shriners had wings and lots of such things, Knockers would holler, so let 'em.

El Kahir is making special arrangements for May 13, at home as there are a number of celebrities who ask admission, so a twenty hours' session will be held. Watch the surgeons' general.

At the regular monthly meeting of El Kahir Temple, Mystic Shrine, March 11th, there was a large attendance of visiting and local members. Five candidates were initiated. Appropriate action was taken upon the death of the late John A. Chandler, an honored member of the Order.

CANDIDATES INITIATED.

The following candidates were initiated: Robert C. Ellis, Vinton; Earl

E. Brown, Garrison, Iowa; Geo. W. Thompson, Brandon; William J. Maxwell, Cedar Rapids.

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Vinton—John B. F. Bunten, W. H. H. Thompson, Glenn A. Post, J. E. Marrietta, H. Wilcox.

Marion—E. I. Alderman, Chris. Romes, P. S. Griffin.

Waterloo—M. J. Brown, B. M. Cleveland.

Stone City—W. M. Dearborn.

Muscatine—A. E. Othmer.

Tama—Frank Ward, D. E. Goodell.

Laurens—J. R. Haks.

Waubeek—I. P. Bowdish.

Garrison—B. B. Johnson.

Chicago—H. M. Huff.

Dubuque—W. E. Sears.

Perry—W. H. Fuller,

Central City—A. P. Ward.

Refreshments followed.

Book Table.

From Grand Secretary Alf. Wingate we have volumes 8 and 9 of Grand Chapter Archives of Iowa, and it completes our set to date. Thanks.

From someone at Des Moines, Iowa Official Register, 1903, which we shall cherish as having much we need to know.

From Geo. W. Atkinson, Grand Secretary, the Proceedings Grand Lodge of West Virginia, 1902.

From Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of Grand Lodge of South Carolina, 1902.

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F. W. CRAIG.....Des Moines.....GRAND COMMANDER
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